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2007 LEGISLATION

GRAND MASTER STEIN'S DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

affirmed 87.9% GM Decision 01 - Membership in the Snakes

passed 83.4% GM Recommendation 01 - Extending deadlines which fall on weekends, etc

CARRYOVER GRAND MASTER SORSOBAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

failed 58.3% 2006-01 Reducing 5/6 to 3/4 for adoption of legislation

CARRYOVER RESOLUTIONS FROM 2006

passed 71.1% 06-03 Lodge Formation

passed 81.9% 06-05 Forfeiture of fees

passed 80.4% 06-09 Formulation of Annual Dues of Constituent Lodges

2007 RESOLUTIONS

carry over 60.8 RESOLUTION NO. 07-01: ALLOW INSPECTORS TO VOTE AT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow each Inspector a separate vote in Grand Lodge.

passed 89.6% RESOLUTION NO. 07-02: PAST MASTER'S TITLE WHEN SERVE CONSECUTIVE TERMS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to confer the title of Past Master to a brother who succeeds himself in office as Master.

passed 95.0 % RESOLUTION NO. 07-03: GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT AT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require from the Grand Treasurer an interim financial report at Grand Lodge as of July 31st of the current Grand Lodge fiscal year.

failed 37.6 % RESOLUTION NO. 07-04: QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR PAST MASTERS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to change and clarify the qualifications required of a Past Master should he be elected to serve as Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden of his Lodge.

passed 71.1% RESOLUTION NO. 07-05: CONVICTION OF A CRIME OF MORAL TURPITUDE

The proponents of this Resolution seek to amend the rules for automatic expulsion upon conviction of a crime of moral turpitude.

passed 92.2% RESOLUTION NO. 07-06: EARLY PRESENTATION OF GOLDEN VETERAN AWARDS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow presentation of Golden Veteran Awards at any time commencing 6 months preceding the anniversary date.

passed 92.9% RESOLUTION NO. 07-07: FOREIGN DEGREE CONFERRALS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to conform the Code to previously unwritten procedures followed by custom authorizing foreign degree conferrals.

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TIDBITS FROM ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FREEMASONRY IN CALIFORNIA

On the evening of May 10, 1949, in Landmark Lodge NO. 253, at Esparto, Yolo County, there took place an unusual third degree. The candidate and nine members and relatives of the candidate participated in the work. All but one of the relatives were Past Masters of Landmark Lodge.

Jack Mast received the degree from his father, Vernon Mast. Floris Mast, Roy Mast, Lowell Mast and Chris Mast, Sr., all of Esparto, were, respectively, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon. Robert Mast and Chris Mast, Jr., both members of Forest Hill Lodge No. 534, in San Francisco, were Stewards.

John G. Mast, Woodland, grandfather of the candidate and Darrel Mealer, uncle of the candidate, also assisted in the degree.

All of the Masts in this area are descendants of the Mast family that settled in Hungry- Hollow in 1868. They originally came from Minnesota .

On July 13, 1901, by special dispensation, Fullerton Lodge No. 339 conferred the third degree upon eight candidates in one day.

Lodge was opened at noon, four candidates were raised and the lecture was delivered after the Lodge was closed.

Following dinner, the Lodge was again opened and four more candidates were raised, the lecture was given and the Lodge again was closed and a dinner was served at midnight.

Grand Master Foshay was present at the meeting as well as representatives of twenty-five other Lodges in Southern California.

There is, at present, in the possession of Phoenix Lodge NO. 178 of San Bernardino, a cane given to the Lodge years ago by J. Judson Ames one of the organizers of San Diego Lodge No. 35, in 1851. Subsequently, he moved to San Bernardino and gave the cane to the Lodge to be held in the possession of the oldest member of the Lodge. It is so held today.

A list of the venerable brethren who have been privileged to use the cane may be found in the history of Phoenix Lodge No. 178.

FROM THE EAST AT CROSSROADS

Our consolidation with Blackmer Lodge No. 442 has been successfully completed and effective December 1st. We are about to enter an exciting new era in our Lodge history as Amity Lodge No. 442. Amity comes from the word amicus which means friend. Amity perfectly describes the fraternal bond of true friendship that has developed between the two Lodges during the consolidation process and fraternal intercourse this year. Our new Lodge has a great future before it with increased opportunities for education, instruction, participation and friendship. We have become acquainted with many of our new Lodge brothers and look forward to meeting and laboring with all.

Please take the opportunity to attend our consolidation installation on December 17th at the Scottish Rite Center. We will be pleased that you have taken the time to attend and you will feel the excitement that we have felt establishing this new, strong, vibrant Lodge. I know that you will take justifiable pride in being a member of Amity Lodge and find it rewarding in many ways.

Ernie B. Astudillo, Master
Crossroads Lodge #696



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FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren

WOW! It is finally done. The Consolidation papers have been signed and sent to the Lodge. I want to give my heart felt thank you to the members of the consolidation committees for all the hard work and support in completing this task. I would also like to thank all the members who called during that time and I hope I answered all your questions. Now all the little things that go into making a successful Lodge are taking place. I ask for your patience and understanding as we go forward in this new adventure. I am mailing the dues notice out now and would appreciate the early return of your dues, as you know this revenue is how your Lodge pays its bills to allow it to operate.

If any member has any question about their dues please feel free to call me. I will also be putting a request for updated information with your dues card when is mailed back to you. Please take a moment and look it over to keep your records current.

I would like to wish all the members and their families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. I am here to serve the Lodge and its members.

Fraternally,
Arnold L. Korey

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

We would be delighted to have you attend our Stated Meeting and Stated Meeting dinner. If you do plan on attending, please make your reservations by calling Arnie Korey at the Lodge office. The number is 619-291-0465. BE COURTEOUS AND MAKE THE CALL.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD. IT SHOULD SAY "PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2007."

Please be considerate and make your dinner reservations early. If you are going to come to one of our dinners, make reservations. Two days in advance is sufficient, but please reserve.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

This is the last "From The East" message for Blackmer Lodge #442 F&AM and it is from the last Master of said Lodge. Many a good, young man has seen the light of Blackmer by which to improve and continue his life.. The year 1913 might seem far away but Brethren and their families lived, passed and new ones continued. And as it was in 1913 that the Lodge was formed by men of dedication and vision so it is now in 2007 that the Lodge was formed and Masons with dedication will continue good work into the future under the new name Amity #442.

I would like at this time to thank all the Brethren of Blackmer Lodge for their unselfish and continuous support during the years 2006 and 2007 and hope that that support will be given to Harold in 2008.

May Peace and Brotherly Love prevail,
Mihailo O'Zdravkovic PM Master 2007

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

The annual election of officers for your Lodge will be held at the Stated Meeting on November 1st. Put this important date on your calendars and plan on attending. We will be electing officers from the membership of Blackmer and Crossroads Lodges for our new Amity Lodge #442. We are embarking on a great future for our lodge, please plan on being there to be a part of this great fraternity.

BIRTHDAYS

Stan Brust	11/24
Harry Crystal	11/17
Frank Hass	11/02
Gerald Hoege	11/26
Bob Humphrey	11/17
Arnold Korey	11/23
William Lingo, Jr. PM	11/23
Arturo Martin	11/4
N. Bert McIntosh, Jr	11/11
Nicholas Prodanovich	11/20
James Quinn, Jr.	11/03
Thomas Swift	11/08

Average age = 70.4 years old

Oldest = 91 years old

Youngest = 30 years old

Happy Birthday to these Brethren!
We would like to wish you a happy birthday in person at the Stated Meeting dinner of your birth month. Please do join us and remember that your dinner is on the Lodge.



**SUPPORT YOUR
LODGE AND ITS
PROGRAMS.
YOUR
ATTENDANCE IS
NEEDED AND
ENCOURAGED!**

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NOVEMBER 2007 CALENDAR

November

- Thurs 1st** **STATED MEETING** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Reservations a must call 619-291-0465. Business Casual
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- Mon 5th** **Officers' Practice (First/ThirdDegree) 6:45 p.m.**
- Thurs 8th** **First Degree - Mr. Del Mar - 7:00 p.m.**
- Mon 12th** **Dark**
- Thurs 15th** **Officers' Practice (Third Degree) 6:45 p.m.**
- Mon 19th** **Third Degree - Dax Lynch - 7:00 p.m.**
- Thurs 22nd** **Happy Thanksgiving**
- Mon 26th** **Inspector's School - Masters and Wardens Questions
for Qualification - 7:00 p.m.**
- Thurs 29th** **Dark**

December

- Mon 3rd** **Installation Practice - 7:00 p.m. - all officers and
installing team**
- Thurs 6th** **STATED MEETING OF AMITY LODGE** at 7:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations please call
619-291-0465.
- Mon 10th** **Dark**
- Thurs 13th** **Dark**
- Mon 17th** **INSTALLATION OF AMITY LODGE #442**

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Roast Turkey and Chicken Enchiladas
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy with Grilled Mixed Vegetable
Caesar Salad and Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream
Beverages and Mini-croissants



You must call your reservations to Arnie at 619-291-0465



COMEDY OF ERRORS

On February 29, 1936, there was scheduled the Masonic laying of the cornerstone of the City Hall at Woodland. Earl Warren, being the Grand Master of Masons in California that year, intended to perform the ceremony. At the last minute, however, he was called East, and he requested the Junior Grand Warden Whitesell to officiate as Grand Master in his stead.

The Grand Secretary, according to the general custom, sent the paraphernalia to the Lodge at Woodland. About two hours before the time for the ceremony, Junior Grand Warden Whitesell and Grand Marshal Mathison arrived at the Lodge Hall in Woodland and found the anteroom filled to overflowing with Knights Templar in full regalia and numerous other members of the Blue Lodges and concordant orders who were to make up the body of the procession to the City Hall with the acting Grand Lodge officers. There were probably 10,000 people from the surrounding territory lining the streets. The procession finally got under way and as Whitesell, wearing the accustomed hat of a Master or Grand Master, marched along the crowded street, a small boy pointed at him and yelled to some youthful companions, "Hey, kids, pipe the guy with the plug." The remark almost broke up the procession, for everyone who heard it, including the trying-to-be-dignified acting Grand Master, broke out in a hearty laugh.

After the procession reached the site of the new City Hall, it was soon found that there was no cornerstone to be laid. There was merely a square space in one side of the building where, in time, the builders intended a plaque should be placed. In fact, the building was about one-half constructed. It was also found that there was no trowel, no mortar to be used as is customary. The Grand Secretary's office had failed to fill the containers which are always sent with the ceremonial vessels. There was no corn, wine or oil.

One brother was requested to obtain some corn or wheat, another to hurriedly procure a bottle

of Coca Cola, or other liquid of like appearance, to be substituted for the wine, and another to find some oil even if he had to drain a crank case to procure it. The Inspector was requested to find a block of wood that would conveniently fit into the opening intended for the plaque, and to mix a small portion of mortar or cement.

After receiving all the necessary equipment, the acting Grand Master explained to the thousands of people assembled to witness the ceremony that there would be no cornerstone laying, as advertised; that, in fact there was no cornerstone to be laid and that there was merely an opening in the front of the building intended to contain a plaque. Since the ceremony of laying a cornerstone was purely symbolic, the acting Grand Master fully explained the significance of such a ceremony and said that, rather than disappoint the assembled multitude, the ceremony would be carried out, as nearly as possible, as though there was a bonafide cornerstone to be properly placed.

The ritualistic ceremony was then performed, and the "Comedy of Errors" came to an end with the closing of the special session of Grand Lodge in the Lodge Hall where it started.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2008

Richard W. Hopper	Grand Master
Larry L. Adamson	Deputy Grand Master
Kenneth G. Nagel	Senior Grand Warden
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